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1. EMBOFF MET NOVEMBER 3 WITH I.N. TABACHENKO AND B.I. PAZHITNOV OF MHE'S RECEPTION DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF AMERICAN LECTURERS FOR SECOND SEMESTER OF CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER PRODDING BY EMB FOR ANSWERS (SEE REF), MHE REPS WERE WELL-PREPARED.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PLACEMENT INFO:

A. DATKO -- PLACED AT KIEV STATE UNIVERSITY (KGU) FOR ONE MONTH. AT REQUEST OF EMB, MHE WILL NOW AGAIN CONSULT WITH KGU TO DETERMINE IF UNIVERSITY CANNOT ACCEPT HIM FOR LONGER PERIOD. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT US SIDE NORMALLY CONSIDERS PLACEMENTS OF ONE MONTH'S DURATION UNACCEPTABLE. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE RE MINIMUM PLACEMENT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. TOPIC: AS PER CIES
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NOMINATING DOCUMENTS. LECTURES WILL BE SO-CALLED "SPECIAL COURSE"

OFFERED OUTSIDE NORMAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION.

B. HALE -- PLACED AT LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY (LGU) FOR ONE-TWO MONTHS. AGAIN REQUEST DEPT ADVISE RE DURATION OF MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE PLACEMENT. EMB BELIEVES LGU WILL IN FACT OPT FOR TWO FULL MONTHS DURING PERIOD MID-FEBRUARY-APRIL. HALE WILL GIVE "SPECIAL COURSE" TO BE ATTENDED BY FACULTY AS WELL AS ADVANCED STUDENTS. LGU LEAVES IT TO HER TO PICK PRECISE TOPIC. EMB SUGGESTS HALE SELECT ONE FROM THOSE GIVEN IN NOMINATION DOCUMENTS OR FORMULATE IN NEAR FUTURE ACTUAL TOPIC WHICH SHE WILL ADDRESS SO THAT LGU CAN BE INFORMED WELL IN ADVANCE. TOPIC SHOULD BE AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION TO ASSURE THAT LECTURE PARTICIPANTS WILL FIND MATERIAL CHALLENGING AND USEFUL.

C. LA ROSA -- PLACED FOR ENTIRE SEMESTER AT TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY (TGU). SEMESTER WILL START FEBRUARY 7. LA ROSA SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE MOSCOW O/A FEBRUARY 2 FOR EMB ORIENTATION PRIOR TO MOVING ON TO TBILISI. REQUEST LA ROSA CHOOSE PARTICULAR PERIOD AND/OR GENRE TO BE COVERED AND FORMULATE MORE PRECISE TOPIC FOR TBILISI TO USE IN PLANNING. THEY LEAVE CHOICE OF TOPIC TO HIM. EMB PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED BY LA ROSA ACCEPTANCE SINCE "AT LARGE" NOMINATION TO TGU WAS SUGGESTED IN EMBASSY'S A-214. WE URGE LA ROSA TO ACCEPT PLACEMENT AND ARE SURE HE WILL FIND EXPERIENCE IN TBILISI A REWARDING ONE. ALSO REQUEST LA ROSA PREPARE READING LIST OF RECOMMENDED PAPERBACK BOOKS RELATED TO HIS LECTURES AND AMERICAN LIT IN GENERAL WHICH EMB CAN PURCHASE FOR HIM TO DISTRIBUTE IN GEORGIA. REQUEST DEPT PASS LIST DIRECTLY TO USIA/ICS AND THAT BOOKS BE PURCHASED AND SHIPPED WELL IN ADVANCE OF LA ROSA'S EARLY FEBRUARY ARRIVAL. COST, UP TO \$600.00, SHOULD BE CHARGED TO ID 32-UR-77-0047.

D. NOGGLE -- ALSO PLACED FOR SEMESTER AT TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY. HE SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE AT SAME TIME AS LA ROSA. UNIVERSITY REQUESTS SPECIFIC TOPIC(S) TO BE COVERED IN LECTURES.

E. SPAULDING -- PLACED FOR THREE MONTHS, FEBRUARY-MARCH-APRIL, AT LENINGRAD SHIPBUILDING INSTITUTE. MHE REPORTS LSI VERY INTERESTED IN SPAULDING'S TOPIC. HE WILL OFFER "SPECIAL COURSE," PROBABLY WITHOUT EXAMINATION.
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F. TRACHTENBERG -- TURNED DOWN BY MGU BUT PLACED AT LGU FOR ENTIRE SEMESTER. TRACHTENBERG, LIKE LA ROSA, SHOULD PREPARE LIST OF BOOKS FOR PURCHASE BY USIA: ICS WHICH SHOULD BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO CONGEN LENINGRAD. CHARGE UP TO \$1000.00 TO ID 32-UR-77-0048.

G. SCOTT -- TURNED DOWN BY MGU; NO ANSWER YET FROM LGU.

H. STEIN -- TURNED DOWN BY MGU. EMB HAD ASKED MHE TO DOUBLE-CHECK AND MGU CONFIRMED THEY DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE STEIN. REQUEST CONGEN LENINGRAD INFORM STEIN.

I. MAGGS -- NO ANSWER YET.

J. WALKER -- EMB EAGERLY AWAITING DOCUMENTS ON HISTORY NOMINEE PETER WALKER.

3. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED LECTURER PLACEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH MGU PRORECTOR TROPIN. TROPIN EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF THAT MGU TURN-DOWNS OF TRACHTENBERG, SCOTT, STEIN SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATION OF LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF MGU IN LECTURER EXCHANGE. TROPIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT IT WAS FEELING AT MGU THAT, WHILE IN EARLY YEARS OF EXCHANGE THEY ACCEPTED CANDIDATES WILLINGLY, MGU NOW WISHES TO BE MORE SELECTIVE IN WHOM THEY RECEIVE. TROPIN ADDED THAT EXPERIENCE WITH LECTURERS HAD BEEN MIXED AND THAT MGU WAS NOW MORE INCLINED TO RECEIVE AMERICAN LECTURERS KNOWN PERSONALLY OR VIA THEIR WORK TO MGU FACULTY MEMBERS. ON SCOTT, MGU IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH HIS WORK, TROPIN ARGUED. IN PLACE OF TRACHTENBERG, TROPIN TOLD EMBOFF, LITERATURE FACULTY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING (PHONETIC):

LOUISE LEARY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

JOHN MCCAULER, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

DANIEL HOFFMAN, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO TROPIN THAT IT WAS PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR US SIDE TO LOCATE AND NOMINATE THESE SCHOLARS FOR CURRENT YEAR, BUT EMB REQUESTS CIES ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THEM MORE PRECISELY AND CONSIDER NOMINATING THEM FOR NEXT YEAR. EMB STILL OPTIMISTIC THAT MAGGS AND/OR WALKER CAN BE PLACED AT MGU FOR SPRING SEMESTER.

4. EMB REQUESTS SOONEST FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MHE AND DIRECTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH UNIVERSITIES LATEST INFO ON WHICH OF LECTURERS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS, HOW MANY, AGES, ETC. ALSO REQUEST PASSPORT INFO FOR USE OF MHE IN AUTHORIZING VISAS. MATLOCK

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